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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a portal system for providing access to a network is provided. The portal system includes a management interface system that receives management data from one or more management systems, where each management system provides a type of management data for the network, such as device status data, event data, device performance monitoring data, or other suitable data. ~~A portal system connected to the~~ The management interface system receives the management data and presents the management data in a predetermined format, such as in one or more view windows, such that management data from non-integrated management systems can be presented in a single user-viewable display. Additionally, the data values in one application can be tied to what information is presented from other applications.

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] **FIGURE 2** is a diagram of a system 200 for providing network management application and data interface functionality in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. ~~System~~ In 200, ~~includes~~

management interface system 108 ~~and~~ includes client view system 202, channel format system 204, and user logon system 206, each of which can be implemented in hardware, software, or a suitable combination of hardware and software, ' and which can be one or more software systems operating on a general purpose server platform. In particular, system 200 can be implemented using document files in the XML format having one or more predefined schema, document type definitions, data field formats, and other suitable data.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0036]** **FIGURE 3** is a diagram of a system 300 for providing workflow functionality in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. ~~System~~ In system 300, ~~includes~~ workflow system 110 ~~and~~ includes workflow edit system 304, interface format system 302, workflow execution system 306, and element information system 308, each of which can be implemented in hardware, software, or a suitable combination of hardware and software, and which can be one or more software systems operating on a general purpose server platform.

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0042]** **FIGURE 4** is a diagram of a client view 400 in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. ~~Client~~ In client view 400, ~~includes~~ client 112[[,]] displays management channels 402a through 402c, and workflow selection system 404.